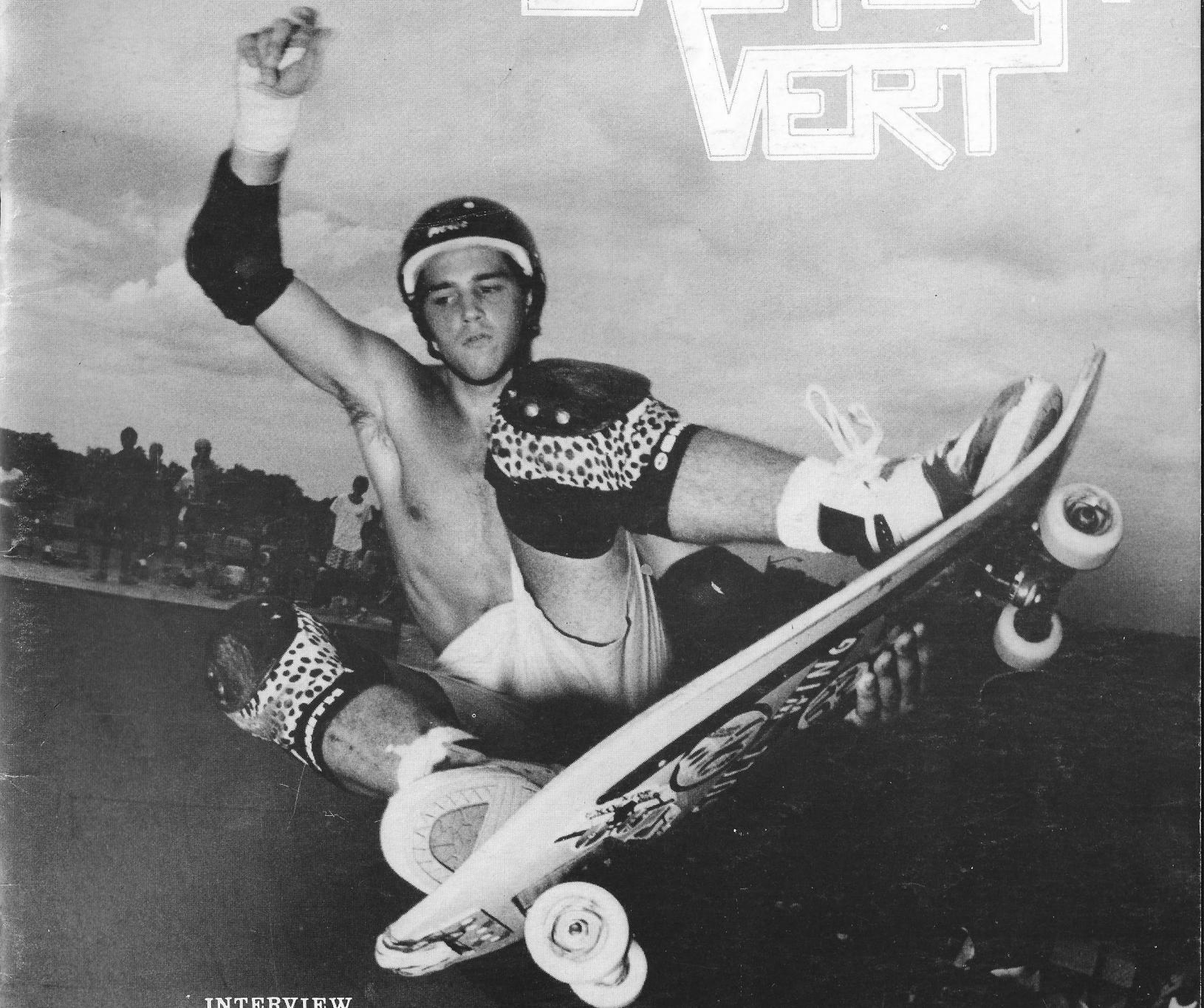


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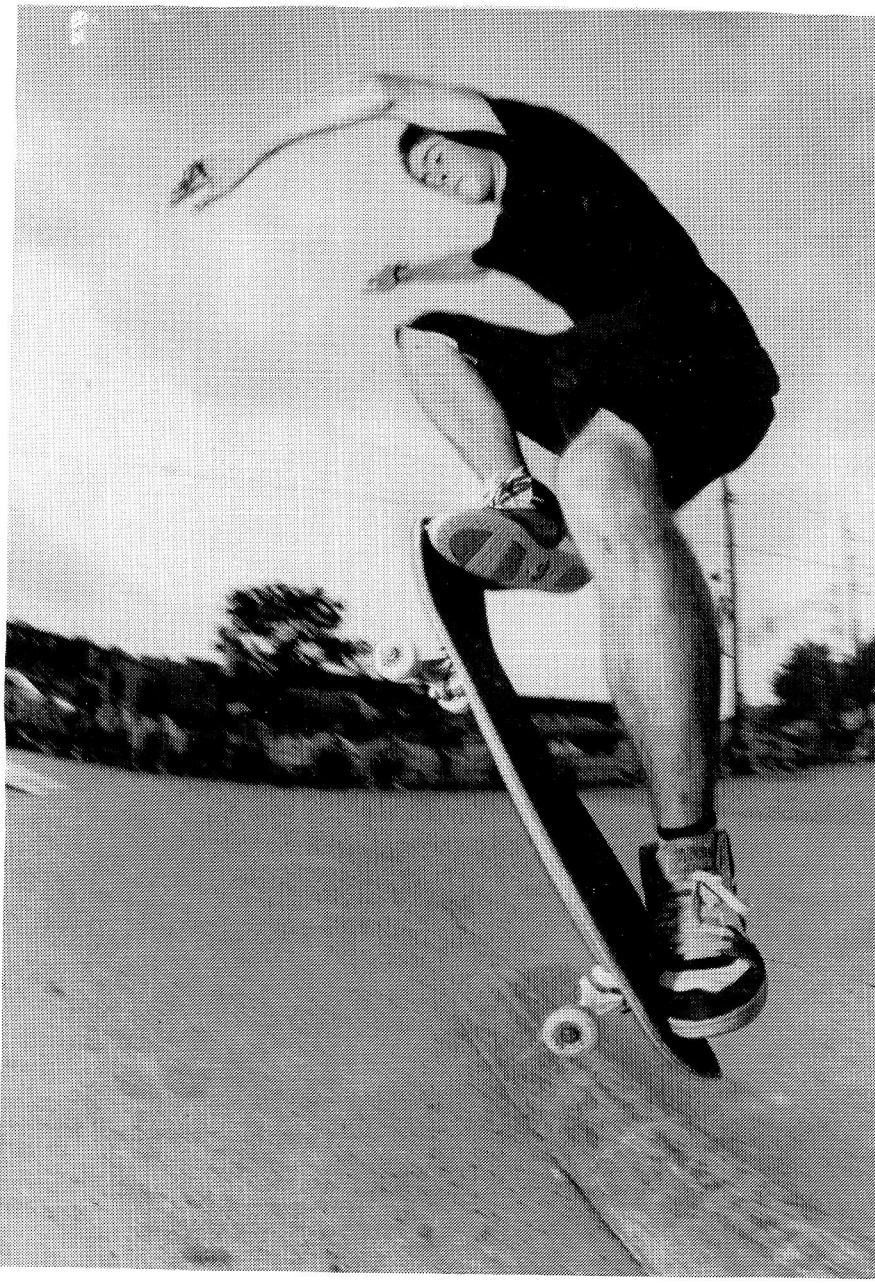
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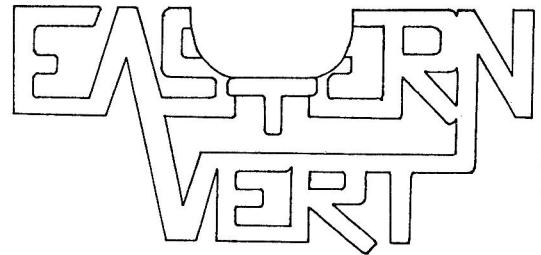
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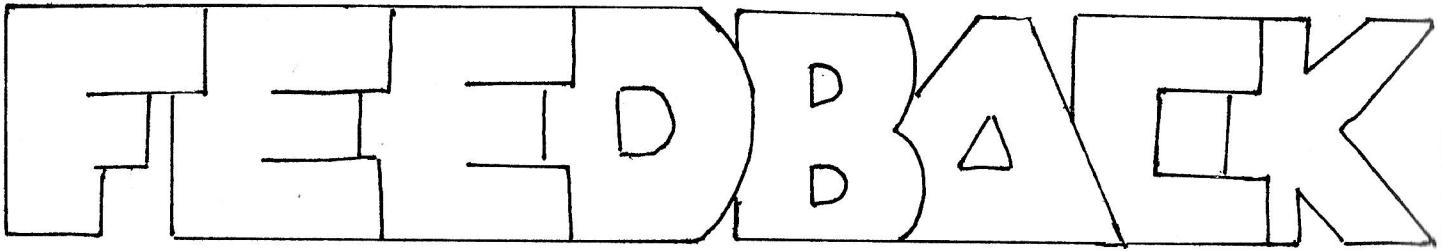
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I just got issue #3 from Whalebone Surf Shop & I think it's killer! I especially liked the Bayville Ramp Slam article, (mostly cuz I was in it) & your Sergie Ventura interview 'cause he's an unbelievably cool guy. Your mag rips & so do your photos! If possible, could you please send me issue #4 when it comes out, I can't wait to see it! See, all I can do this whole summer is to read mags & watch sk8 videos because I got hit by a car in the beginning of June, which broke both bones in my left ankle. I had to have surgery that same night & got two lovely 3" screws & a pin in there, so that'll keep me out of skating for a good 3 months or so. But, your mag seems to get me in a better mood, because it's about time eastern rippers got some coverage! Well, I just thought I'd write in to tell you how good your mag is. (By the way Sean Jones got jewed over at the Bayville contest, he should have gotten at least 3rd. He rips!) Keep up the killer work!

Depressed yet happy skater,  
Chris Mills  
Manteo, N.C.

EV- Sorry to hear about your accident, hope you get to skate again soon. Glad you like our mag, you really seem to know what we're all about. We've sent you the issue you requested, thanks for the support!

BANNERS?

I would like to know how to get any sort of banner (EASTERN VERT) for my mini-ramp.

Sincerely,  
Derek Keller  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

EV- We're getting banners soon. We'll let you know when they're available.

KILLER MAG

I think your mag is killer. Since I got your issue #2, I knew I had to have it. I've gotta admit I've never really had the urge to buy Thrashers or Transworlds because it was about guys I didn't know. Your mag has lots of skaters I know and have skated with. That's what sets you apart from the rest. I love the coverage you give to the EASTERN skaters, many deserve it. You're doing a great job, keep it up. Also, I just bought a subscription to your mag but I want to know if there's any way I can get some earlier issues I've missed.

Killer Mag,  
Walter Alligood  
Washington, N.C.

EV- Thanks for writing, glad you like EV. Back issues are available for \$2 each. We don't have that many extras (Issue #1 is not available) so it's first come, first served on what we have left. Thanks again.

FROM 'BAMA

Coverage of Brian Wainwright would be appropriate. You are willing to expose his talent regardless of who pays for the advertising space in your publication. In other words, certain other magazines are not willing to give him or any other rollerskater for that matter, any coverage at all simply due to politics. When I asked why vertical rollerskating is not covered in several prominent magazines all of their replies sounded something like this: The reason we do not cover rollerskating is because rollerskate manufacturers do not buy advertising spaces in our publication. That's fair enough and good business sense. However, their policies are contradictory because some skateboard manufacturers make, or have made in the past, (con't)

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rollerskate products. For example, Tracker made a skate plate that adapts the boot to the trucks. Along with this, they made a toe stop mounting assembly. Next, Gullwing produced a set of skateplates used for street skating as did Variflex. At present, Sure-Grip International makes rollerskates. As a matter of fact the company was founded on the rollerskate frontier. It wasn't until the recent past that skateboards were added to their line of products.

Aside from this, vertical rollerskaters invest in skateboard companies. They use the same helmets, pads, clothes, trucks, mounting hardware, bearings, wheels, and rails, indirectly, rollerskaters are paying for a fraction of the advertising space taken out in these publications. They are too blind to comprehend this.

I retired from vertical rollerskating a few years back due to injuries. It's good to see Brian getting coverage. Rip it up Brian.

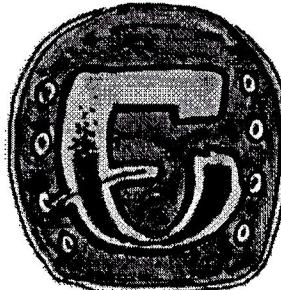
Eric Felts  
Mobile, Alabama

EV- EASTERN VERT was founded on the idea of highlighting EAST COAST skating at its best. Brian is without a doubt at the top of his field and deserves a lot of coverage. Sure, there is a lot more skateboarding going on than vertical rollerskating, but we think it all deserves coverage. Presently Brian & his bro Mo are in Europe touring and getting ready for the World Championships. We've already set up an interview with the Wainwrights for when they return...it's should be an unreal interview. Thanks for the letter.

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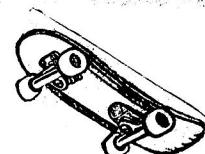
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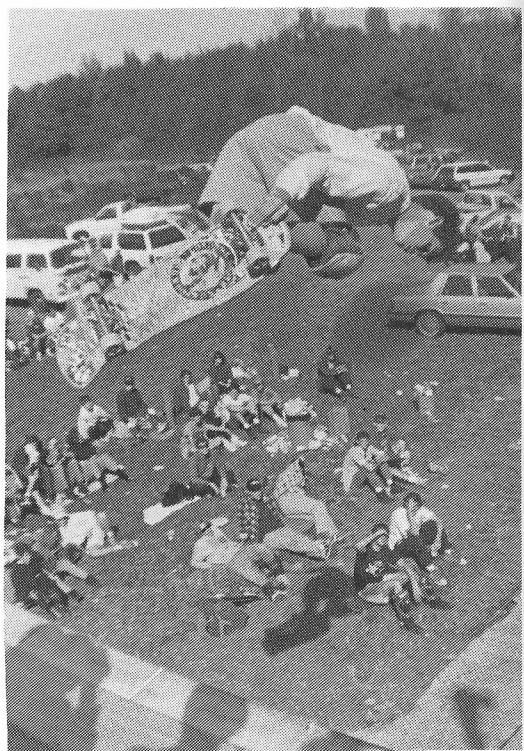
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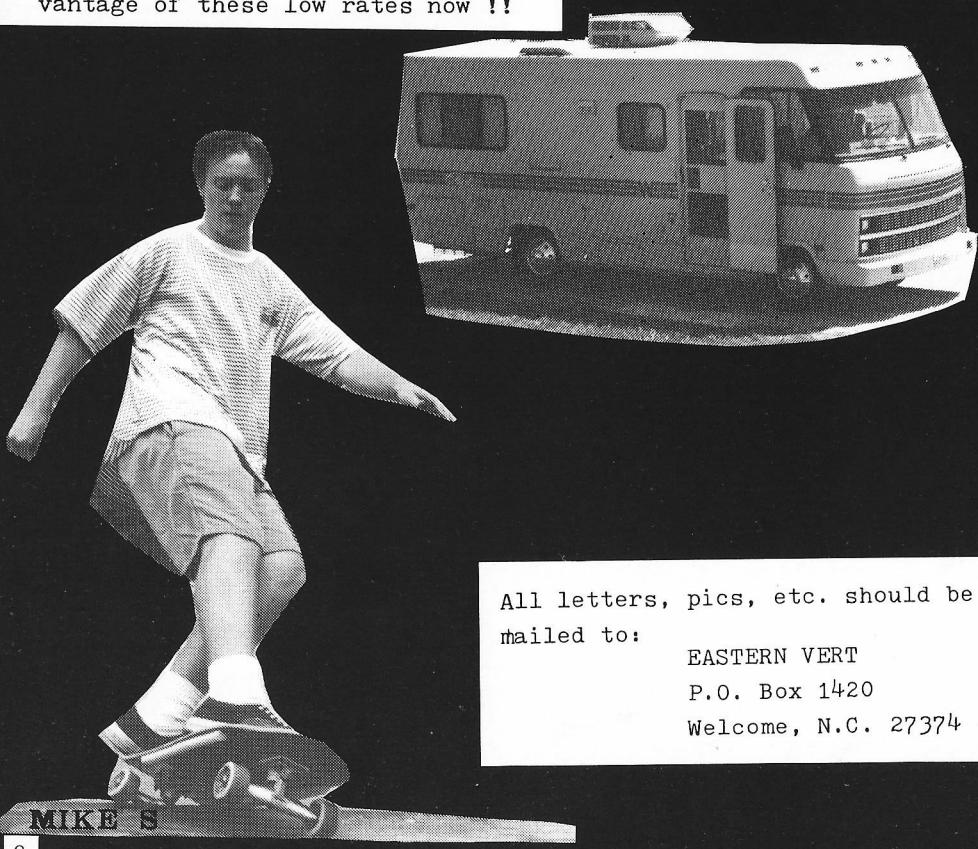
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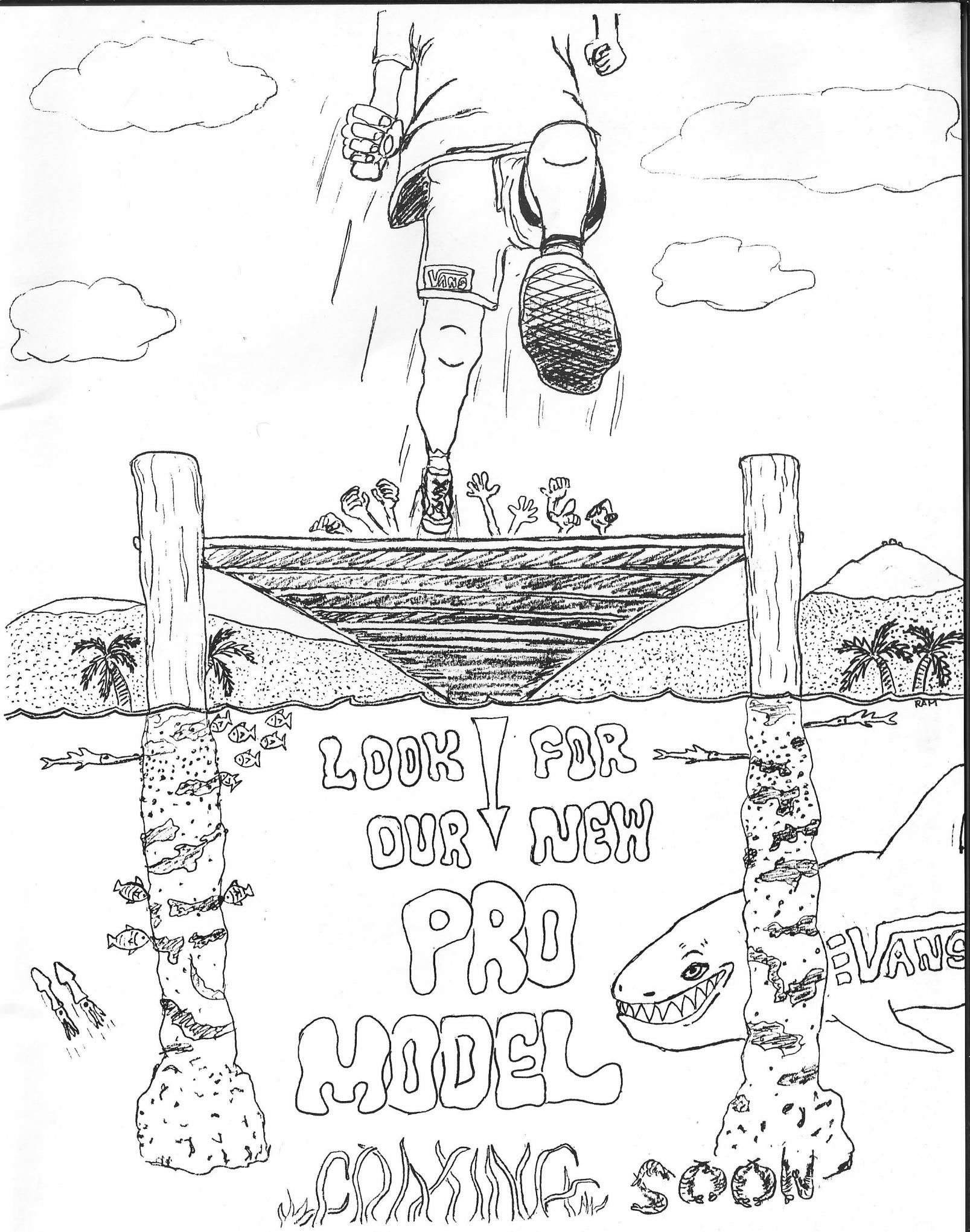


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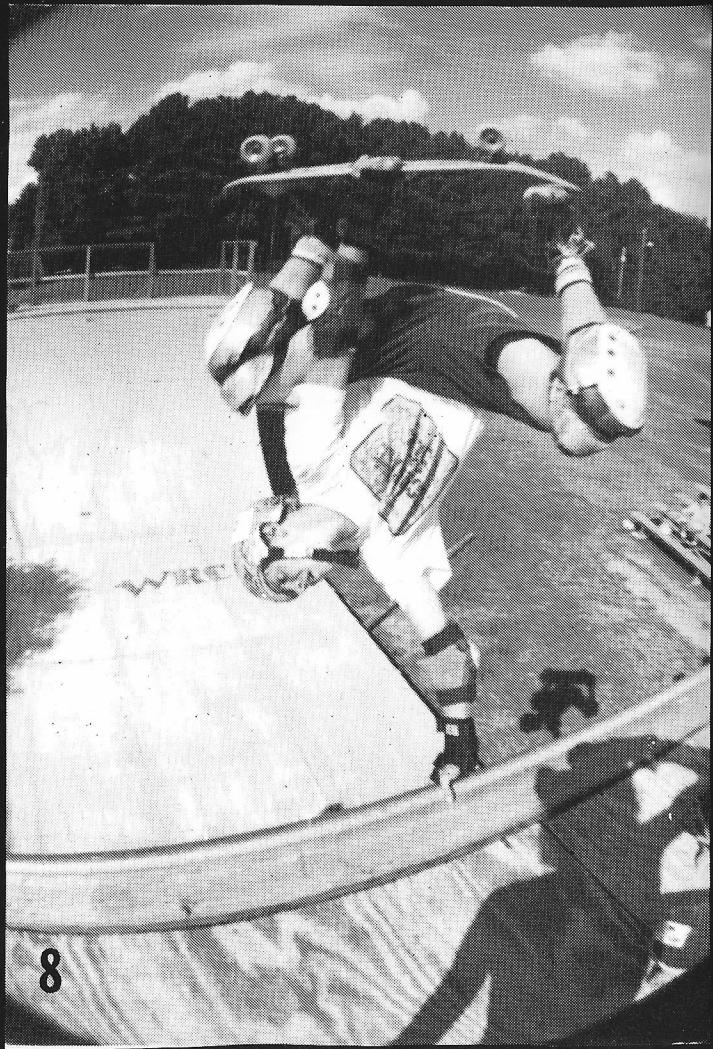
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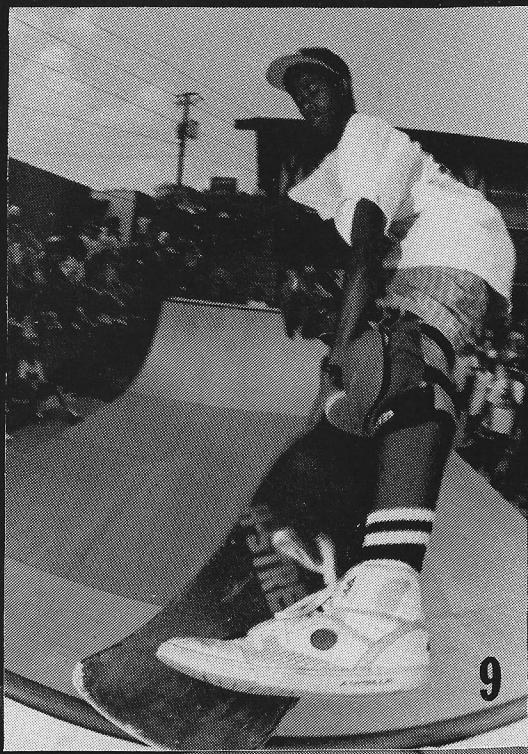


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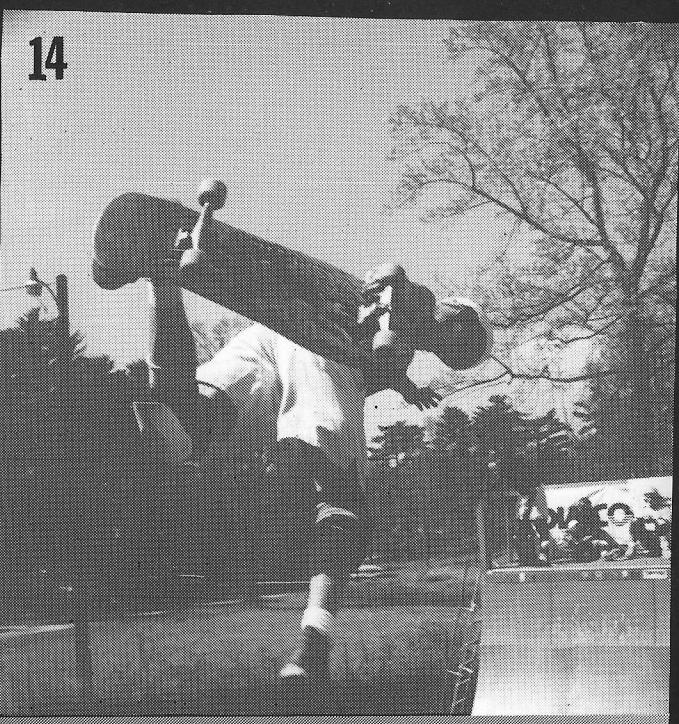
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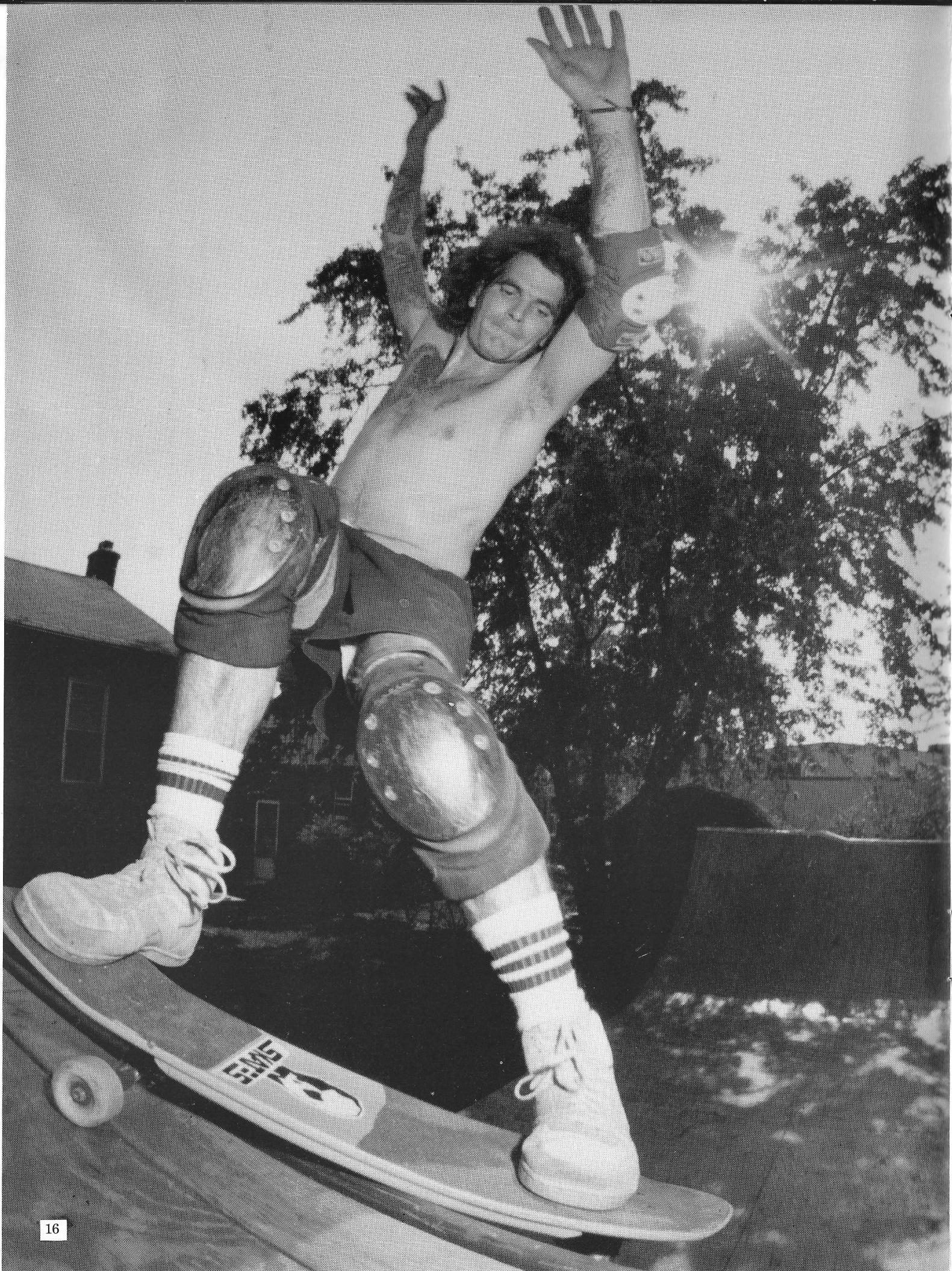
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# EAST COAST PRO

# JOSH MARLOWE

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EV- First of all, how old are you  
and how long have you been skating?

JM- I'm 25 and been skating 15 years.

EV- Who are all your sponsors?

JM- Skull Skates, Gullwing, and trying to get stuff from Airwalk, getting stuff from Jobless. I did a couple of demos with them the last couple of weeks. Doing some rad demos.

EV- How is skull treating you?

JM- Pretty good- everything is going good with those guys.

EV- Are you getting to travel with them?

JM- Yeah, I was traveling pretty much, but I've been hanging here lately. I'm waiting for winter time. When it gets cooler here- I'll go out West again. That's what I've been doing the last couple of years- going out there during the winter time when there is nothing going on around here.

EV- How did you get started skating?

JM- My brothers, like, they were into it and I just started skating with them. They all skated a long time but none of them are into it now. I got 3 older brothers and they all skated. That's what got me into it. I surfed too- I surfed first then started skating.

EV- Have you been to Hatteras?

JM- Yes, I've been there a few times. I haven't been there this year. I try to get down there near the end of the summer, like Fall. You guys are close down there?

EV- Not really, it's about 8 hours for us. It looks close on the map, but it's about 8 hours.

JM- It takes us about 7, I guess.

EV- What kind of music do you like?

JM- A little bit of everything really.

EV- Anything special that you like to skate to?

JM- Stuff like fast- something metal.

EV- Something like speed metal?

JM- Not necessarily, just something that has good pounding.

EV- What's your favorite tricks?

JM- Depends really on what I'm skating. I like rad pools & stuff like that. On ramps, I like airs, inverts, grinds. There's not really any certain tricks or anything.

EV- Who are your favorite skaters to watch and skate with?

JM- I like skating with the Toke Team boys- that's who I like skating with. Them and most of the Crest people. Crest locals and the G-Burg boys, I guess, they're cool to skate with.





EV- How does the skate scene in D.C. relate to the rest of the world that you've been to?

JM- I don't know, A lot of hot skaters here now compared to a lot of places I've been to. You can go to California and the whole state is as big as the EAST COAST and I think that in just this area there are as many good skaters, who are not rated in the magazines. You figure all those guys are spread out on the coast. There are that many guys that are hot right here in this area. I think, up and down the EAST COAST every town has hot skaters. I think there are a lot more skaters here that are good.

EV- That's what we are here for.

JM- A lot more people on the East that don't get any exposure. Those guys in the magazines are so overrated. I don't know, you skate with them and it's kinda wierd.

EV- That's why we are here, to show everybody that there are a lot of good skaters here. Have you been to any far away lands? Like overseas?

JM- Well, I went to Hawaii for that mini-ramp thing. It was like April 1st. That was pretty cool. I went there and hung out for 2 weeks afterwards. Yeah, the ramp was pretty wide too.

EV- How do you feel about all these new kids that are ripping really hard, like Danny Way?

JM- There are always going to be those little guys that are really pushing you. I'm stoked on a lot of those guys. I think it's rad that there are more kids getting into it. But I still like watching the older guys.

EV- How do you feel about this mini-ramp craze that's taking over the country?

JM- I don't know, it's kinda wierd, cause I was skating a lot of mini-ramps & stuff, but, a, I've been getting into skating a lot of vertical now. But I'm going to a mini-ramp today. There's a good chin by it too. It's kinda wierd cause street skaters can shred on it and big ramp skaters too. It's kind of a mutual ground between street and vertical really. Plus it's easier to have a mini-ramp - a lot of neighborhood type areas. It's easier to get away with a mini-ramp than a big ramp.

EV- Do you have any local hot spots in the D.C. area?

JM- It was the pool, but they tore it down. I'm really bummin'. But, there's another pool that's happening, that and some mini-ramps. The Crest isn't far either.

EV- Where do you like to skate the most?  
JM- Probably Crest. I like to go to O.C. too. That's where I used to live. I try to go there on weekends & maybe Crest once during the week, and hit the mini-ramp inbetween.

EV- What do you have planned for the rest of the summer & into the fall?

JM- Probably going up North & checkout Rhode Island and probably near the end of the summer I want to go down to Florida. I want to go down there. I'm really bummin' because this weekend I was supposed to go to The Turf.

EV- We're taking a road trip there soon.

How did you become an EAST COAST pro?

JM- Skating in contests, man. I've been skating a long time. You can only go so far in amateurs. I really was going to go pro a real long time ago- I was going to go for it in VB at a contest they had, but they wouldn't let me enter it. So, I just waited around & did the N.S.A. amateur thing. I wanted to do good in the finals before I was going to go for it. I got 12th last year in the finals which is pretty good, so I figured I might as well go for it.

EV- What kind of tricks are you working on that we can look forward to seeing?

JM- Trying to get some lip tricks down and what not.

EV- Where did you grow up?

JM- Ocean City. I helped designed that ramp. I worked there for 6 years.



EV- Who do you like or dislike to skate against in contests?

JM- I don't look at it like I'm skating against someone. That's the whole thing, I try not to have that kind of attitude, although everyone else does. Like, I'm going to beat that guy. I just try to skate the best I can- If I'm happy with the way I skated, I don't care who wins or loses. You can only do as good as you can do and whoever does better or worse, that's their problem. There shouldn't be that kind of attitude because a lot of times you have a cool session and then you skate with the same people in a contest and then their like totally different people. It's because they have that attitude. It's that pressure that's added that isn't really needed.

EV- It's like skating against yourself.

JM- Yeah, if you're worried about everyone else, how can you perform to your best ability? Set your mind straight on your skating.

EV- I like that attitude. What do you do when you're not skating?

JM- Hang out really, I'm working now, too.

EV- Do you have any marriage plans?

JM- I've been with the same girl for a while now, so it's looking that way.

EV- Uh, Oh, a hot scoop.

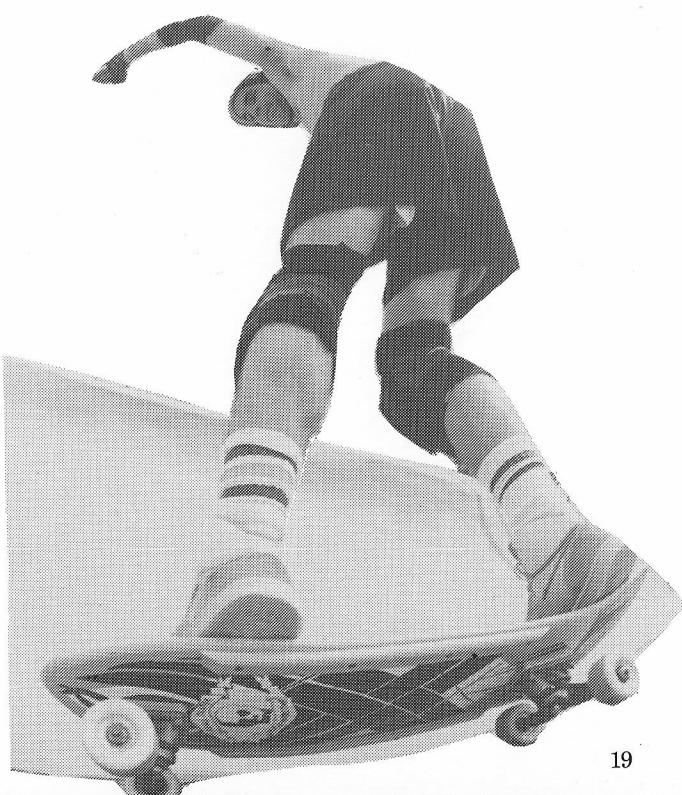
JM- Oh, No!

EV- Anything definite?

JM- Probably, I don't want to set a date yet.

EV- Appreciate the interview, I guess that's about it.

JM- O.K., man you guys hook up with me when you come up North- you got my number.



# WADE GULLEDGE

Photos by: CHAD HURLEY

We interviewed Wade right after the Trashmore contest in V-B on July 23.

EV- General information?

WG- My name is Wade Storms Gulledge.

EV- How do you spell that?

WG- Yeah, how do you spell that, ya'll spelled my name wrong in the last issue. It's spelled G-U-L-L-E-D-G-E Gulledge, not Gulleyedge. I started skating when I was 11. My sister had a monster board. It had a monster picture on the front, it had metal wheels on it. Then my next board I traded a slingshot for a wooden Chicago board, it had Chicago trucks & it had clay wheels on it. Then I think the next board I got was from K-Mart, then I got a Bahne board & a Logan board. Anyway, I've been skating 15 years.

EV- So you started at 11, so that makes you 26?

WG- Yeah, I'll be 26 on August 29th.

EV- Tell us about some parks.

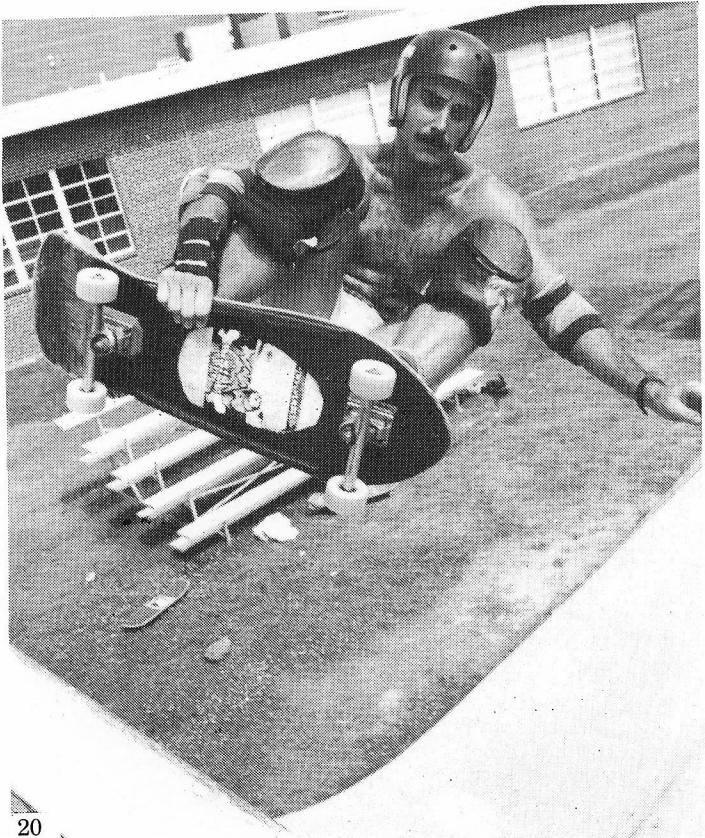
WG- A, the 1st park I skated was the Myrtle Beach parks. At one time they had 4 different skateboard parks. But, the one I used to go to was at the Air Force base, it just had moguls and that was about it. It was a big bowl with moguls in it. I used to go down there 4 or 5 times in the summer & skate those parks. Then they built a park in Charlotte- The Polar Palace & I skated that for a couple of years in Charlotte. I lived in Charlotte for 23 years. Then I got married and moved to Greenville, N.C. But the Polar Palace closed & they opened the Concrete Connection & I skated it. That's pretty much where I learned to skate. I skated it from, I think, a, 77 to about 81 and then they closed. It had 3 bowls in it, 1 big, huge bowl, it had, like, 4 feet of vertical. It also had a snake run and moguls. It was a real good park. When I started skating that park I was 14 & all the guys that were really ripping were 19 or 20. So, the guys I skated with are about 31 or 32 now. Kenneth Bumgardner, Gene Crane, Steve Langely were real big influences on my skating.

EV- Where do you like to skate now?

WG- Now I go to Wilson, it's the main ramp I go to. I like to go to Wilson at least once a week, maybe twice a week and then, when I can, I get to go to Raleigh to skate the Farm ramp. Also, I skated the park in Wilmington. I skated Kona in Jacksonville. Three summers ago I rode a motorcycle out to California & I rode Del Mar and Upland. I was glad I got to skate those before they were destroyed. Yeah, I skated Cherry Hill when I was in the 10th grade.

EV- Was that the best park you ever skated?

WG- Yeah, definately. Cherry Hill was the best park. At the time, Shogo Kubo was a local there. He came from California just to skate it & he was ripping it up hard there.



EV- How is skating now compared to back then?

WG- We definately need a park in N.C. Raleigh would probably be a good place to build a park. I mainly miss the mogul riding, the snake runs & riding banks. That's something the kids don't get to experience now. I think they are missing out, because that's a whole different type of riding. It's just real fun. But, If I don't say something about my wife...I'm married. Been married 2 years. August 8 is our 2 year anniversary. I love my wife. She was supposed to be here today, I think she had car trouble, I don't know.

EV- How does being married affect your skating?

WG- Negatively. It's just more responsibility, helping with the bills. I went to school for 1½ years after high school & quit for 3½ years. When we got married, I went back to school. I'll finish in less than a year. She's really helped me get through school. She pays most of the bills. I pay the power bill, she pays the rent and all the big bills.

EV- How do you feel you skated today?

WG- I felt I skated bad. The practice runs, I just fell early. The 1st two runs of the contest, I just didn't do good. But, the last two runs, I did pretty good, I stayed on. I was happy. I thought I would get 5th or 6th so I was real happy with 4th.

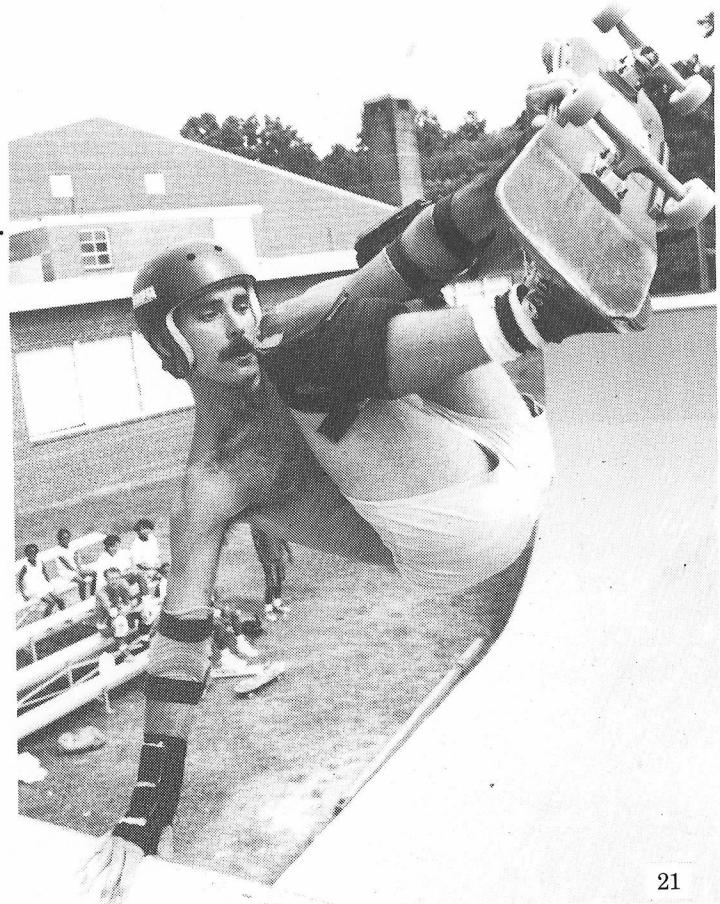
EV- What did you think about the ramp?

WG- The ramp was way too slick. It's a good ramp. It takes a while to get used to. It's a real good ramp, it's just not what I'm used to. 9½ foot to 10 foot transitions is what my ramp is going to be in my back yard when I get out of school and get some land and a house. I'm going to build a nice ramp and ya'll can all come skate it. We're going to have big parties too.

EV- Any closing comments?

WG- Keep a good attitude. Mainly skate for fun. Be competitive, but just be happy. You're out there skating 'cause it's fun, don't take it so seriously where you whine or cry when you bail on an invert or a backside air. Just have fun. Skate and have fun. Be happy.

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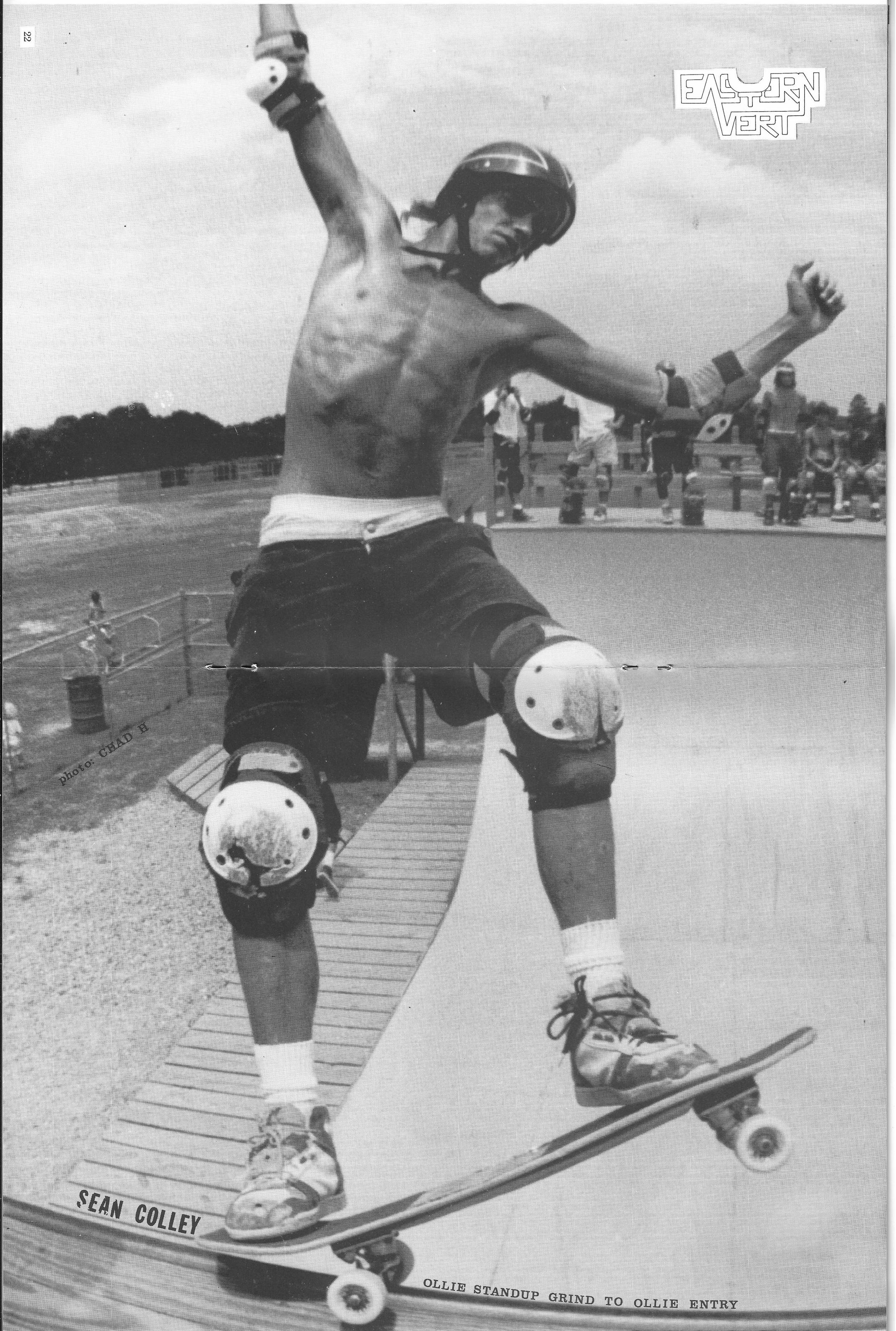


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# JAY HENRY & SHANNON

Photos by: B.K. WILLARD

One sunny, hot day we cruised to the Farm ramp in Raleigh, N.C. and found Jay there. If you don't know Jay, you will after you read this interview we taped. With him that day was his girlfriend, Shannon, who also skates. (Her remarks are noted with a S)

JH- I was named after a lawyer, my dad's a lawyer. I think he wanted me to be a lawyer. But, I'm not a lawyer, though.

EV- What's your full name again?

JH- John Marshall Henry. People just call me Jay, that's not my name. Don't ever call me Jay. You can call me Marshall. Is that it?

EV- Yeah, that's it, any closing comments?

JH- Nope.

EV- Where are you from?

JH- I'm from New Jersey. Baskin Ridge, New Jersey, it's the second wealthiest town in the country per capita, next to Beverly Hills. It's a real shit hole. It looked like a golf course, though. We had an 8 foot wide ramp in the back yard. It was a big piece of junk and, a, I learned how to skate on that thing, pretty much.

EV- When was this?

JH- Oh, man, 1980. That's when we first built it, that's when I first started skating vert & it had about 6 layers of stolen plywood on it. We had to go to court & get rid of it. So, we used it to build the Barn ramp. The Barn ramp was the coolest ramp in the world, next to this one, 'cause it was indoors & every time it rained everybody from New York & Pennsylvania & Chesapeake & Baltimore would all come there. There would be 25 people skating it & 25 people watching & it would be the raddest, like, sessions and stuff. It's how we met all those dudes from Pennsylvania like Dan Brown and those guys. That's where I learned to skate, pretty much. I also skated the Hollywood ramp. You ever seen pictures of that? I skated that.

EV- In Florida?

JH- I lived in Florida for 6 months and I skated the 1st Cambodia ramp, which was a nightmare. It was the opposite of the Cyclone, it got tighter as it got in the flat. The guy did it on purpose cause he said he wanted it to be like a pool. I learned how to skate on that for a while. That made me real good on shitty ramps. There was no place else to skate.

EV- Where did Shannon go?

JH- Shantilly?

EV- Yeah. Shantilly?

JH- Shantilly, that's what we call her, that's not her name.

EV- How do you feel about judges?

JH- You mean like traffic judges? They're pretty cool. I got out of it for driving on a suspended license 3 times because I know the law. I could be a lawyer, but I don't want to be.

EV- What about skateboard contest judges?

JH- A, I don't know. Sometimes they don't do such a good job & sometimes they do. But, I don't really care, because when I skate bad, I'm mad and when I skate good, I'm happy and stuff, you know.

EV- Tell us about your new house.

JH- Our new house? It sucks. I don't want to talk about the house. But, we got a ramp, it's really small but it's vert & we can skate everyday. So, I'm going to skate everyday & get really good & remember how to do all the tricks I used to be able to do. Because I haven't been skating a lot and all these tricks I used to be able to do, I can't do now & so I'm going to relearn everything & then I'll start from there & learn new tricks. 'Cause that's one thing that pisses me off. It's learning something & having it wired & then not being able to do it a week later.

EV- So, now you're not going to skate Bubbas?

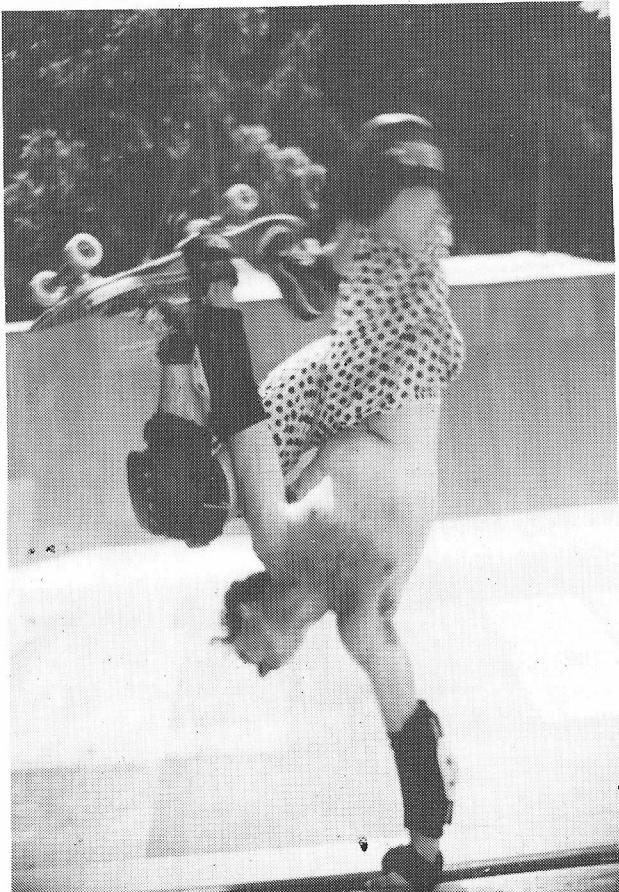
JH- Ah, man, never. Bubbas' ramp is so awful. You try to, like, have a good attitude, you know, You try to say, "Hey it's a ramp, it's something to skate." But you can't believe that load of crap when you're skating it. You just have to get angry & hate it, & you swear, & then his mom comes out and bitches at you. And it costs \$1.50 in tolls to get there. Ah, man, it's a nightmare, I hate it. You get there after \$1.50 in tolls & \$2 in gas & then his mom says you can't skate. You didn't really want to skate it anyway. So, it's like the worst day in your life. I broke my leg once. I got a bolt through it too. That was awful.

EV- How did you do that?

JH- I did a frontside air and, a I was pretty bad back then. I did a frontside air and I hung on to the board after I landed, because I was leaning back. My leg went down, but my arm was in the way, so my foot went down & my leg stayed where it was. I ripped the ligament in half & it unravelled up inside my leg. Like, I thought my shoelace was stuck in the wheel, but then it felt really weird. It felt like my foot was a top & someone was pulling the string off the top & then my whole leg stopped working & I was still riding the skateboard. I was still on the board & I fell off & I couldn't move my foot & it was all shaking violently. It swelled up to the size of a grapefruit instantly. I went & got X-rays & the doctors told me what was wrong & I was almost going to vomit. It was really scary. So they put a bolt in there to pull the bones back together, because the bones came apart.

EV- Where did you get those pokadot shorts?

JH- Shannon gave me these, they are pretty gross. It's the only clean thing I had. I haven't done laundry in a few days, you see & now I skate everyday. Like, I have shorts I skate in & shorts that I don't, like nice shorts & shit shorts. And all the shit shorts were dirty & I didn't want to mess up anything nice, so I wore these. Make of them what you will, I like them. They are kinda pink 'cause I washed them with my red shirts.



EV- How do you feel about having a girlfriend that skates?

JH- How do I feel my girlfriend? How do I feel about her? My hands. I'm sorry, that was very rude. I'm sorry Shannon. I think it's really cool. I think it's just fine. I hate it when she complains about stuff & things I can't do. Like, you can't go skate with someone & have them complain about stuff, you know. But that's O.K. she always complains.

S- Thank you, Jay!!

JH- I'm just kidding.

EV- Shannons' too quiet. Tell us where you are from.

S- Me? I'm from all over. No, I'm from down south. From Columbia. And then I lived in D.C. for a year & then I've lived in Richmond for 2 years. I think girl skaters are rad. Claire, Claire Tory, Claire is rad, the raddest girl skater on the EAST coast, right now, I think. Claire Tory Lepart.

Jimmy Leparts' wife.

EV- What's she do?

S- She learned how to grind.

JH- She's getting better.

S- No, I think the whole problem, I think it's hard for girls. I don't know, it's like, there aren't any girls. It's easy for guys to learn. You know what I mean, they're all together. When there is another girl there, there is more incentive for me to want to do it. Because if she can do it, I can do it. It's like more of a drive to want to do it.

EV- You're not really pushed when there is not another girl there.

S- Right. Exactly. Yeah.

EV- How long have you been skating?

S- A year, a year and a half. Are you going to ask where we met? We met skating decks downtown.

EV- How long ago was this?

S- A year ago.

EV- Jay, do you ever street skate?

JH- Yeah, sorta. I don't street skate any more. Now that we got a ramp, I don't want to skate anything. I hate street skating. I hate skating ditches. I hate skating anything except a ramp, only vertical ramps.

S- I do. I like skating street. I like skating ditches, parks and stuff.

JH- I'm a closed minded idiot, but that's all I like to skate right now. Because we haven't had a ramp in so long & now that I got one it's like, I don't want to do anything else.

EV- How do you feel about the mini-ramp skaters like, turning pro for just mini-ramp?

S- Pro mini-ramp skaters? That's gay.

JH- I hate mini ramps, because we.. I just hate it because we had so many vert ramps around our town. Then the kids just started building mini-ramps instead. So, now there are a bunch of mini-ramps around town. But, like, I really don't enjoy those, so all we got is just one vert ramp & if there was just a thing for vert ramps, then we'd have 10 vert ramps all around town, you know what I mean? It would be great. And then people could learn one footed nose blunt to nollie fakie revert sliders to one foot across the flat bottom on vert ramps instead of punk ramps. It would be really exciting. This one ramp is so small, it might as well be flat bottom with coping on both sides. It's crazy.

EV- How long have you been skating for Tracker?

JH- I don't know, 5 years or so.

EV- Do they treat you good?

JH- They are the best, man. Those guys are great. They just ask you what you want & they send it to me. When we go places they set us up. In Ocean City, they took us out to bars & bought us beers & took us out to seafood, & took us out to breakfast. They got us hotel rooms, everything, man. They got a lot of stuff now. I get, like, wrist guards, trucks, boards, wheels, bearings, everything man. Everything but underwear. They're working on that, too.

EV- So who are all your sponsors?

JH- Tracker and, a, I used to be sponsored by 17th Street, they were really lame. They have a team one week, then next week week they kick everybody off. Then they have a team again & the next week, they kick everybody off again. I hate the N.S.A. I hate the N.S.A. because they had a contest in Ocean City. Each skater got 2 runs, 2, 45 second runs & that was a minute and a half of skateboarding for \$65. They wouldn't let us skate on Saturday during the street style contest. Don't you wanna know why??? Quote, unquote, "'Cause we don't got enough money to pay someone to watch the people skate. They got, like, 300 people entering the contests at \$65 a head & they can't pay someone to watch us skateboard on the vert ramp? But I understand that, because when you go to a skateboard contest you never get to skateboard. You know, that's the whole point. Yeah, I made the cut. I wasn't a total piece of shit. I'm usually a total piece of shit. Last year was a nightmare.

EV- So, you're going to win Alabama?

JH- I'm going to make the cut, man. I'm not going to win, there are too many good, good, good, good, good, good, good skaters out right now. But I'm going to skate everyday & get all my tricks wired & have fun & make the



cut & they'll fly me to Arizona which has the nicest weather in the world in December. Everybody should go to Arizona in December. Everybody should just go there. Everybody in the whole country should all just be in Arizona. It would be a little crowded. I like it. There is no humidity like this. You don't sweat. It's cool.

EV- Where's your favorite place to skate?

JH- A, Florida was pretty awful. I don't know, a, this is really cool. I don't know what to do with the 3/4 part. I think I'll slam if I keep riding it, so I stay away from that. So, then I feel like I'm a looser 'cause I skate only half the ramp. That's O.K. I like to skate my own ramp just because at least we have a ramp now. I used to love to skate the barn because it was indoors. There's nothing that comes close to skating indoors because when it rains it doesn't matter. You don't look out the window & go "I wonder if it's going to rain, I wonder if we'll be able to skate today." You just go & you have to drive through the rain to get to the barn & then you skate all night long. All day, everyday. 24 hours a day. That was great, I really miss it, man. I skated with a lot of people there, it was really cool. It's depressing. I think I'll cry now.

EV- What made you start skating?

JH- A long time ago, it was 1974, my brother got a skateboard & it was really cool, man. And like, they all sat down & went down the driveway, but I could stand up on it, you know, & I thought that was really cool. So, then I just skated down the driveway for 6 years. I looked at this skateboarder magazine once & went, "Yeah, right, I don't know what that means, I don't know how to ride this stuff." So I just kept riding down the driveway. So, then, like, 6 years later, I looked at this Thrasher magazine & there was these people doing these things & I didn't know what the hell they were doing, you know. The first thing I saw was Neil Blender doing this invert, I was going, "What is he doing, man?" I was just totally blown away. Totally confused. This dude who had just moved to our town from California had this mag & he said, I skate, & I said that I skated, & he said, "Let's build a ramp." So we built a half pipe & like, the 1st day we had a layer on it he started on the bottom & he fakied up to the top. I never seen anyone ride before. It was just amazing that someone could go higher & higher & keep going, you know, & go faster & faster, and I just said, "That's what I'm doing for the rest of my life, man." I just kept skating ever since.

EV- You're not going to be a lawyer after all?

JH- Hah, I don't think so, I'll be a graphic artist. Or I'll make chromatec. Chromatec man, that's what I do now.

EV- What is that?

JH- I don't think the interview is long enough to go into what chromatec is. On a good day, I make the company \$700, then they pay me \$4.50 an hour. So, I'm getting ripped again. I always get ripped, I'm the underdog. I'm always getting ripped on everything, man. I got bad Karma. Born under a bad sign. I curse the name of God too much. I'll get mine someday, though.

EV- Who do you like skating with?

JH- I like skating with Al Schwab, I like skating with Larry Glover. I like skating with everybody from Richmond and I like skating with people I haven't skated with in a while, like Tom. I like skating with Tom because I haven't skated with him for a while. I never get to skate with him anymore, but when I do, it's cool. Oh, yeah, Dan Tag & Rick Charnoski those guys are cool to skate with.

S - Say something about Wiggy & Stephanie.

JH- Wiggy needs a haircut & Stephanie is a real nice girl.

S - Wiggy's got nappy dreads, man. Stephanie's learning to skate Cedar Crest.

JH- I like skating with people who were really horrible & then now they are, like good. It's like they get influenced from you. And then you get to see them skating good, just partially 'cause they were skating with you, you know. And that's rad. Dan Tags' like that, 'cause when he started skating the barn, he was awful. He got real good & stuff & it's really cool to watch him skate now. He's real good.

EV- What do you think about all these little companies? Do you like that?

JH- Yeah, I guess so. Some of them make really good boards. So many boards are made by the same company, all it is, is a paint job & a name. It doesn't really matter. Like wheels are all made at the same place, pretty much. All they are is graphics, size, color, hardness, shape & shit like that. Powell Peralta used to have the worst boards you could get your hands on, so what does that say about the big companies, you know. I just like skateboards. I like the little companies, they're O.K.

EV- Have you ever tried surfing?

JH- I tried surfing one time when I had a bad shoulder. I was paddling real hard & I through my arm out of socket & that was the last time I ever tried surfing. But it looks fun & if I lived at a place that had good waves, it would be cool. Surfings' wierd 'cause you can't just make the waves.



S- I want to learn, but there really aren't any waves on the East coast.

JH- It's also salt water. I don't like water.

EV- So, where has skating taken you, travel wise?

JH- I went to California, went to school in Florida just because that's the only place I knew there would be a ramp. Because it was Ft. Lauderdale, right next to Hollywood. So, I pretty much went to school there because of skating. I've been to that Surf & Turf place. Surf & Turf is cool, but it's too hard on my knees & ankles. I don't need all that carving shit. Carving is lame. Doing lines is lame. I want to do tricks. Anybody that carves is a sissy. Cement is all sissy. I just want two flat walls, I don't want any spines, no hips, no corners, no oververt, no channels. I want 1½ foot of vert, 10 foot transitions & a lot less flat bottom. (As he looks at Brian Wainwright) I'm sorry, I'm just trying to start a fight, I'm really not that bad.

S- Jay, I have a question for you. What do you think about these guys that have only been skating 2 years and are radder than you?

EV- Ooooh. Ouch.

S- You know what I mean.

JH- That's pretty cool, it's so easy nowadays.

Any trick a kid wants to learn how to do, he has someone to watch & learn from. Like when I started skating you would try to do a trick & noone had ever done it before. Nowadays if a kid wants to try something he can, like, look at a sequence photo 10 times & just try it. People in the old days had to make stuff up. That's why it took 10 years to learn inverters. It's easy as shit to watch someone do a trick & then learn it. I skated for, like 2 years and never skated with anyone else. I just saw pictures in a mag. And then I saw Jim Murphy skate for the first time & then I totally understood, like, you don't grab your board in the flat bottom. And I was going, "What's that, what's that?" I learned so much from watching a person skate that 1 day. And from watching Tom skate, I learned so much from watching him skate. It's really helpful, that's why I like skating with good people, 'cause you get better, you learn tricks faster. How's that?

S- Put in there that Brian and Morris (Wainwright) are the raddest brothers.

JH- Closing comments?

EV- Yeah, for the kids.

JH- Little kids should get a little metal skateboard with really loose trucks & ride down a hill so they get speed wobbles, so they get off & try to run out of it & they fall down & cut their elbows & bleed. Then they can skate a ramp. Because if you haven't done that, you really don't know how to skateboard. Because there are kids that can do nollie fakie or something, but can't ride down a hill proper like.

S- You've got to be able to downhill, got to be able to do decks.

JH- You should skate without helmets on, kids.

A, skating without pads is pretty cool too, and, a, go for it, never give it up. This trick is the last trick of your life. No, but seriously, O.K. you want me to say something good. Wear hip pads. Because they make you look like you got fat hips, but, like, my hip hurts all the time now, because I used to never wear them. I slammed on them all the time, so, always wear your hip pads and stuff like that. And, a, and, a, and, a, that's all she wrote, thanks a lot, thanks for coming, we'll see you real soon. We're coming to your town sooner than you'd like.

-end



# CONTEST RESULTS

EASTERN VERT recently set up THE WALL as an EV distributor and would like to welcome all those skaters. A 10,000 square foot indoor skate complex must be fun and we hope to visit there soon. They have regular contests and here are some of their lastest results.

## THE WALL CONTESTS, DALTON, GA.

### MINI-RAMP II RESULTS:

#### SPONSORED:

1. FRED REEVES
2. OZZY ALVAREZ
3. ERIC THOMASON

#### SHOP SPONSORED:

1. MARK LANE
2. GUS GLAUBER
3. DAVID SMITH

#### 16 & UP:

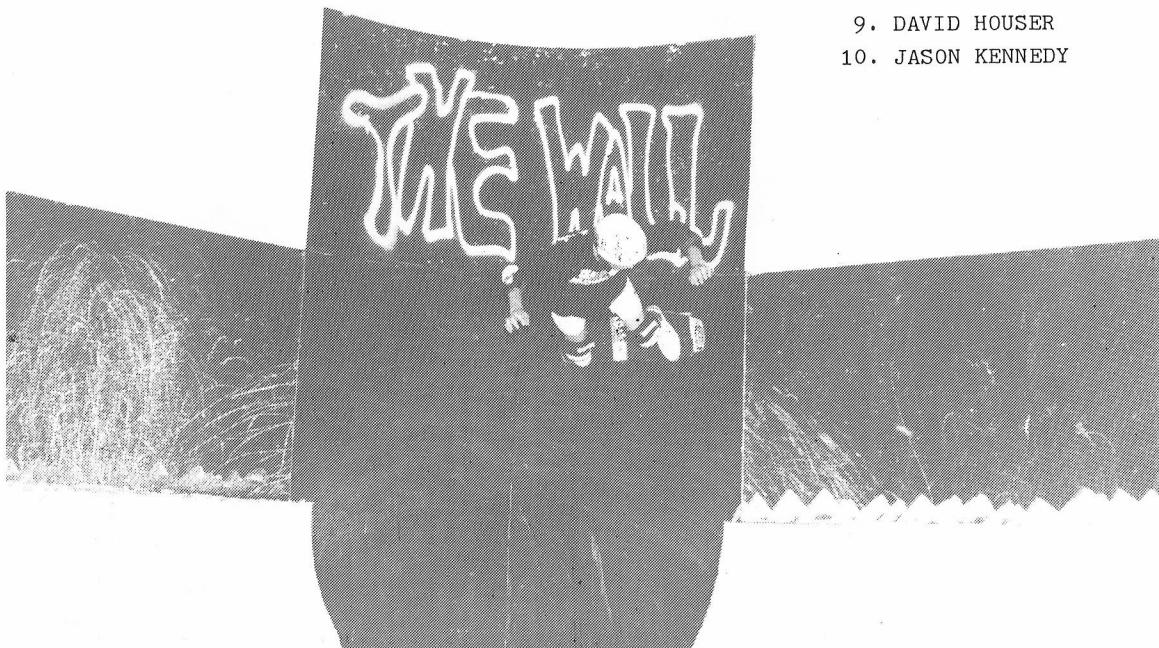
1. TOM RICCI
2. PETER SOBACK
3. PAUL DUKE

#### 13-15:

1. REX BROWN
  2. DAVID BROWN
  3. TOM BOWEN
- 12 & UNDER:
1. DARYL BROWN
  2. WESLEY HOUSER
  3. ROBERT BLEDSOE

#### SPONSORED AMS - STREETSTYLE:

1. OZZY ALVAREZ
2. GREGG KALLAM
3. GUS GLAUBER
4. ERIC THOMASON
5. DON BRYANT
6. RUSTY AUSTIN
7. ROBBIE COLLINS
8. ROGER STEVENS
9. DAVID HOUSER
10. JASON KENNEDY



# STREET CONTEST, COLUMBUS, GA.

## JULY 29

Written by: BRIAN JOHNSTON

Photos by: BRIAN JOHNSTON

We left Friday, July 28th to travel to Columbus, Georgia for a street contest. After getting a few hours of sleep in a R.C.\* infested hotel, we got up at 6 am & drove to the contest site.

Getting out of the van, we looked up at the sun. It was glaring at us like a 3rd grade teacher on the first day of school. There was also humidity like.., well, there was a lot.

Does it sound like gloom in your eyes? No-wrong. Despite the heat, the contest site and skating were great. There was one huge multi-height platform stage with waves, quarters, banks, & handrails encompassing it. A wall leaned nearby with 3 ramps lapped against it's construction. A miniature bench, slide rail, curb & 2 street ramps graced the remaining tactical grounds.

"What's all this verbage?", you ask. The funnest street contest layout you could skate. The contest was originally scheduled for July 15th, but rescheduled for July 29th, due to rain.

We need to give tons of credit to the C.S.C. (Columbus Skaters Coalition) the Sk8 Warehouse, John, & Debbie. Hey, a great one, you guys!!

### FINAL RESULTS:

#### SPONSORED:

1. ROGER STEPHENS
2. TREY PRENTICE
3. DANIEL POWELL
4. CHRIS MARKOVICH

#### ADVANCED:

1. GUS GAUBER
2. PAUL TILLMAN
3. MARLOW SAWCHEZ
4. ALEX VARNON

#### INTERMEDIATE:

1. ADAM CAMPBELL
2. JUSTIN POOLE
3. JAMIE ROBINSON
4. STEPHEN NICKERSON

#### BEGINNER 13 & UP:

1. PAUL VERNER
2. DON HICKS
3. JORDAN SCHEER
4. JOSEPH GARCIA



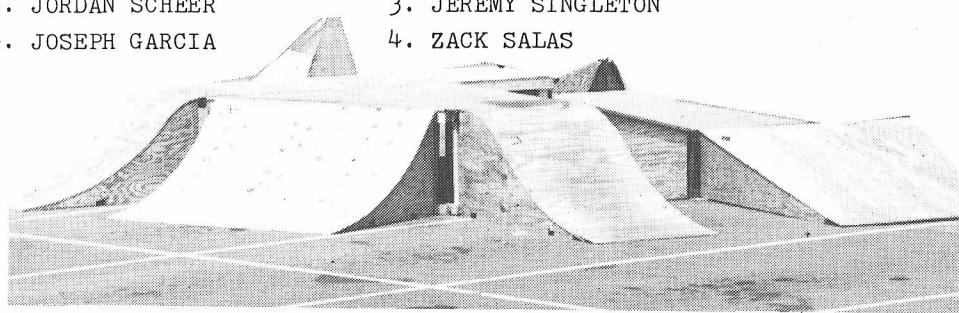
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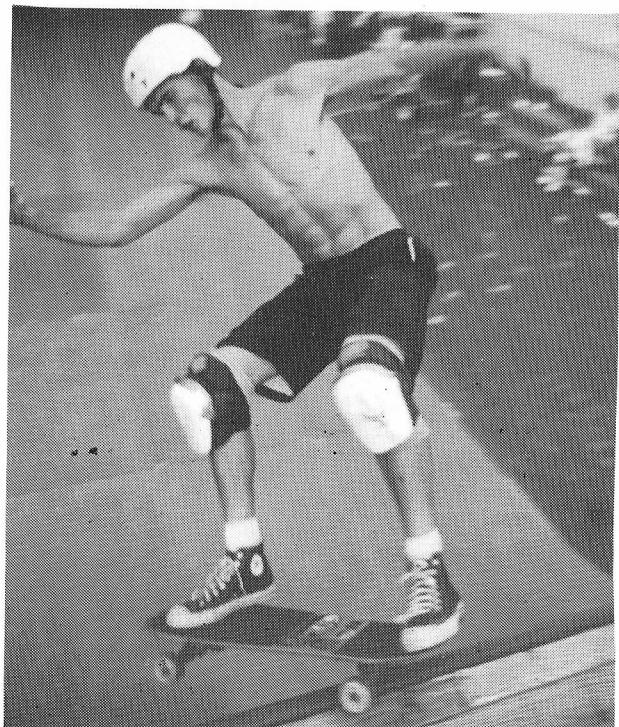


#### BEGINNER 12 & UNDER:

1. DONNIE EDWARDS
2. RICKY WILSON
3. JEREMY SINGLETON
4. ZACK SALAS



# SPARTANBURG, SC - JULY 15



AARON JONAS

Written by: MARK STALEY  
Photos by: B.K. WILLARD

Okay, this is the run-down. Friday, July 14, the crew and I set sail for Spartanburg, SC. We were headed for "The Wave" street and ramp competition which was to be held on Saturday, July 15th at Evangel Cathederal church. When we reached our destination we immediately started to skate and get used to the set up. Neal H. on the ramp and Heath R. and I on the .... wait a minute, where are the street obstacles? Of course, we had to wait until the day of the contest to get used to them. (Bummer #1)

When the day was about to come to an end, we decided that it was time to find room & board for the night. We stopped at Hampton Inn, where we had reserved a 2-bed room and discovered that all they had was a 1-bed room available. (Bummer #2) So, we ended up getting a free stay at Comfort Inn!

The next day we awoke early (6 a.m., Bummer #3) and headed to the scene. It had already begun to get crowded. We were stoked on the girls and such personalities as Blaize Blouin (Who showed up after being paid by Big O) and Robert Taylor.

After the ramp contest got started, everything went smoothly until about midday, when it started to rain, (Bummer #4) during the street competition. They moved the wet obstacles indoors and finished the contest. It sucked because everything was wet and slippery and everybody got concussions. But, I had fun because I managed to participate in the contest without paying! I would like to thank Big "O", and the staff of Evangel Cathederal for running the contest and also Brian Johnston from Blazer for sponsoring the event. Ya'll did a good job.

## CONTEST INFO:

- Ramp competition began at 8:00 am
- 120 street skaters entered (50 were expected)
- Temperature upper 80's to low 90's
- Site had to be cleared by 5:30 pm
- Several other contests scheduled on this date, cancelled
- Contest put together by a Youth Minister (who did great under the circumstances)
- Numerous spectators with even more video equipment present

**"THE WAVE" CONTEST RESULTS:**

**RAMP- SPONSORED:**

1. NEAL HENDRIX
2. ZERO HARRIS
3. REED TYSINGER
4. TODD WALSH
5. AARON JONAS

**RAMP- 3A**

1. JAMES HAMMILL

**RAMP- 2A**

1. BILLY BLACKBURN

**RAMP- 1A**

1. MATT MAHAFFEY

**STREET- SPONSORED: (inside)**

1. JOSH FRAZIER
2. REED TYSINGER
3. CHRISTIAN GRIFFIN
4. TODD PARKER
5. MARK OVERBY

**STREET- 17 & UP: (inside)**

1. CHUCK HETHLOCK
2. DAVEY JONES
3. DANNY JARVIS
4. TAYLOR WEST
5. JOE TODD

**STREET- 15-15: (inside)**

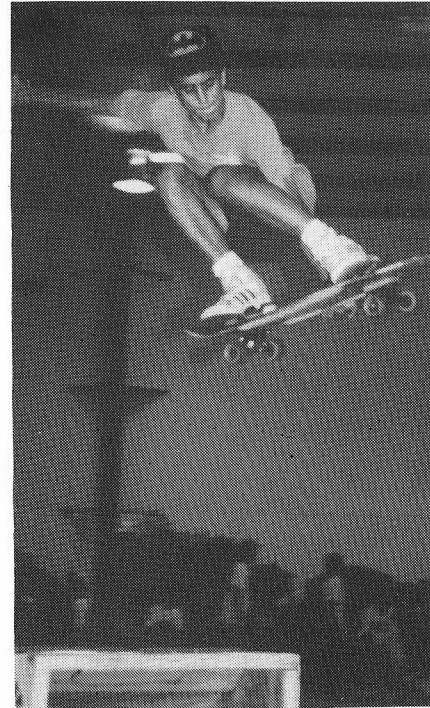
1. BRENT CHARLES
2. JOHNATHON DIXON
3. JOHN DAVIS
4. RYAN LABEL
5. RYAN CRARRIN

**STREET- 13-14: (inside)**

1. JASON BRUNSON
2. DON URBY
3. JASON WILLIAMS

**STREET- 13-14: (outside)**

1. RON LOOZINKI
2. PAUL URICH
3. KEVIN NORMAN



**STREET- 12 & UNDER: (outside)**

1. REGGIE CROFT
2. KENNETH FIELDS
3. JOHN DeLOACH
4. JERRY MURPHY
5. CHARLIE KIRBY



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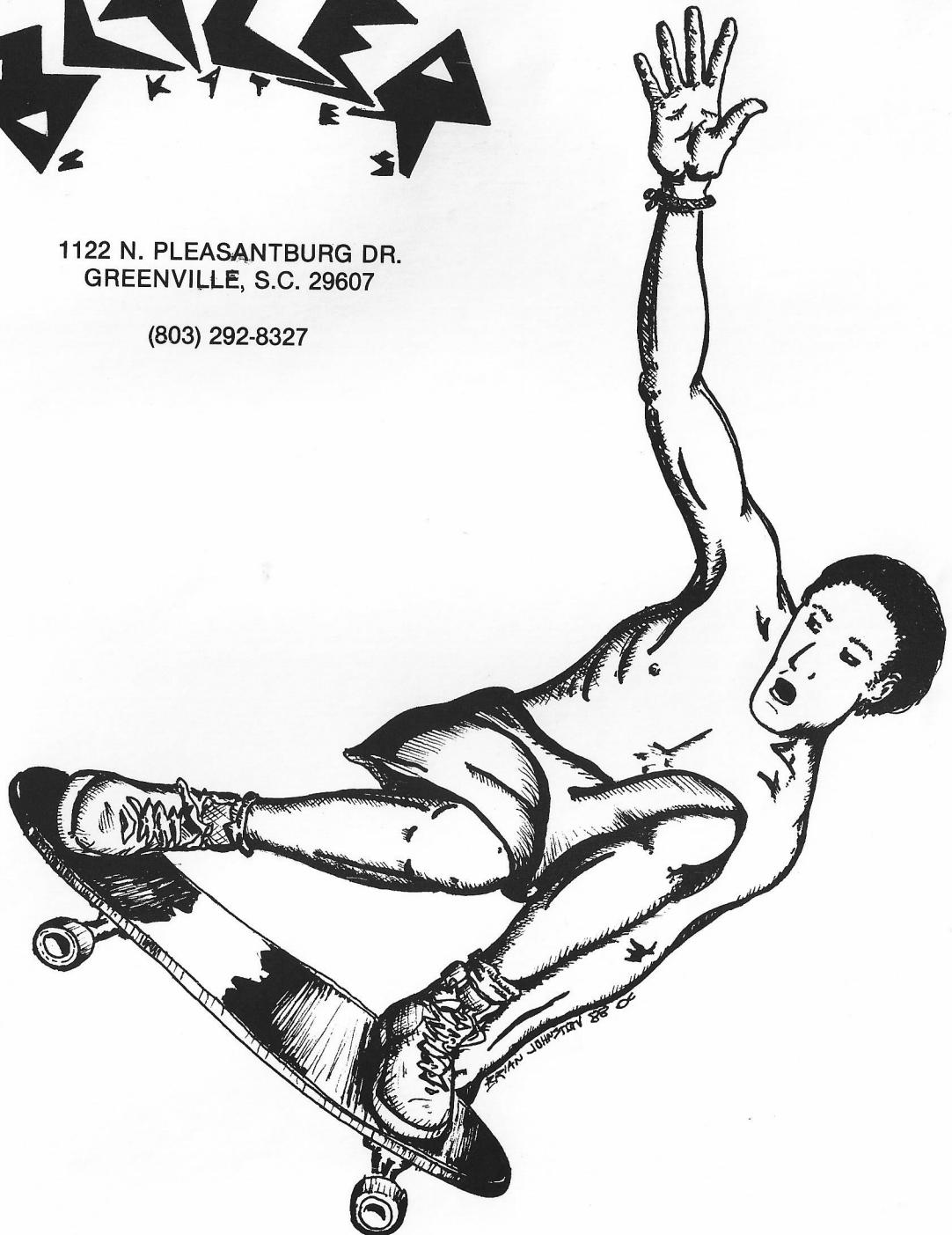
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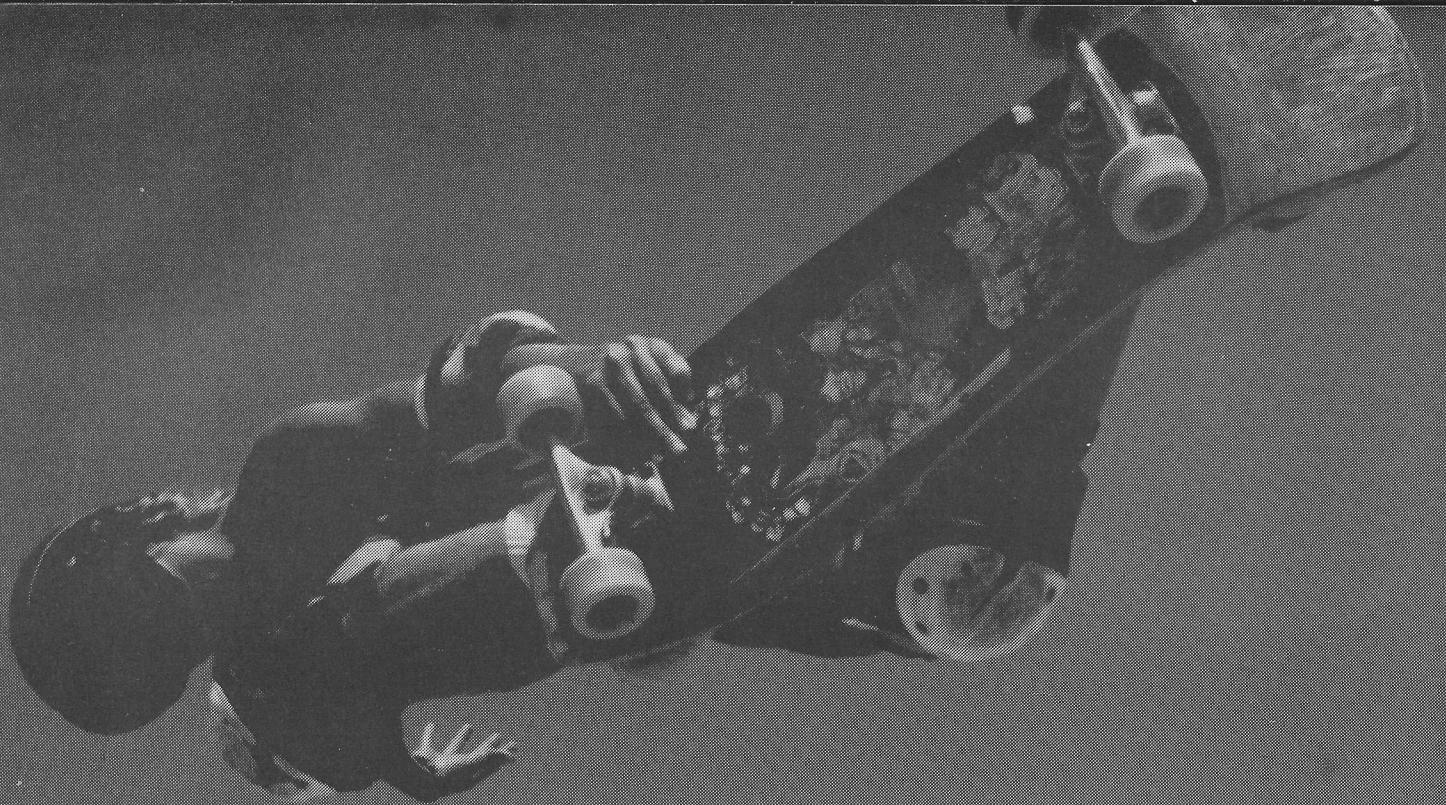
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# THRASHMORE AT TRASHMORE—JULY 22–23

Written by: NEAL HENDRIX

I feel important. Boarding a plane for the sole purpose of competing in, and covering a skateboard contest. The day didn't start well. As I sat down on my first flight, I noticed a sticker on the seat in front of me that basically told me I couldn't recline my seat because of an emergency exit behind me. I don't know about you, but I think I paid as much as the other passengers and should be able to recline my seat as well.

Norfolk was my destination and I met B.K. at the gate and he introduced me to the EV-RV. On to Trashmore to get some practice for tomorrow's qualifying. The ramp, if you haven't heard, is now metal layered and has about 4 new inches of vert. The ramp is a lot faster than it was when it was fiberglass, but still nearly as slick. Word has it that the city painted the ramp with paint that was supposed to resist heat. Give me a break. Anyway, a snake session was going down with Mike Conroy, Mike Cresini, Henry & Eddie Guiterez, Sergie Ventura, etc. Everyone skated till the ramp closed and we headed for the campground.

On Saturday, the 1A, 2A, and Sponsored skaters took their runs to try and make the eight man finals on Sunday. The 90 degree plus weather didn't seem to phase too many people and everyone seemed to have a good time. The judging seemed to please everyone and the ones who were going to skate Sunday were stoked.

Sunday the Gatorade people got all their coolers stolen by some raving skateboarders, while all 24 skaters tried to get a little more practice before their jam. The judging at this contest seemed a little better than at the Bayville contest, (Where was Jay Henry??) and everyone was stoked that won trophies to show mom.



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TRASHMORE AT TRASHMORE HIGHLIGHTS AND FINAL RESULTS:

SPONSORED:

1. MIKE CONROY- Ollie tailslide channel, huge airs to fakie, lipslides both ways, fakie ollie nosepick to fakie, mayday grind
  2. SEAN COLLEY- High airs, fast lines, Madonnas
  3. BOB STUART- Air to fakie, disasters, huge leins, Mctwist landing with 1 foot on
  4. NEAL HENDRIX- Feeble to fakie, crailslide channel, fakie stalefish to tail
  5. SEAN JONES- Very high airs, indy flip, frontside invert channel
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- \*\*CAM BLIECHER- Finger flip lein to tail, Ollie tailslide channel, lipslide channel  
\*\*MATT WOOD- Fastplant to fakie, hot eggs, super stalled good buddies  
\*\*JOHN DENNIS- Speed lines, crailslide at 100 mph, egg channel

2A

1. CHRIS CURFMAN- Backside smith, lein to tail channel, backside lipslide
2. BOB KUEHN- Hot lines, big ollies
3. SHANE DRISKILL-killer lines across whole ramp, grinds to channel
4. WADE GULLEDGE- Rad, old style, elguerials, anderects
5. GARY BLACK- High airs, layback airs, eggs, frontside invert

(\*\*-did not place, but made the final 8)



MIKE CONROY

1A

1. BRANDON DEWANE
2. JAMES COLLINS
3. JOE CLEARY
4. JAY EZZELL
5. JOHN CLEARY



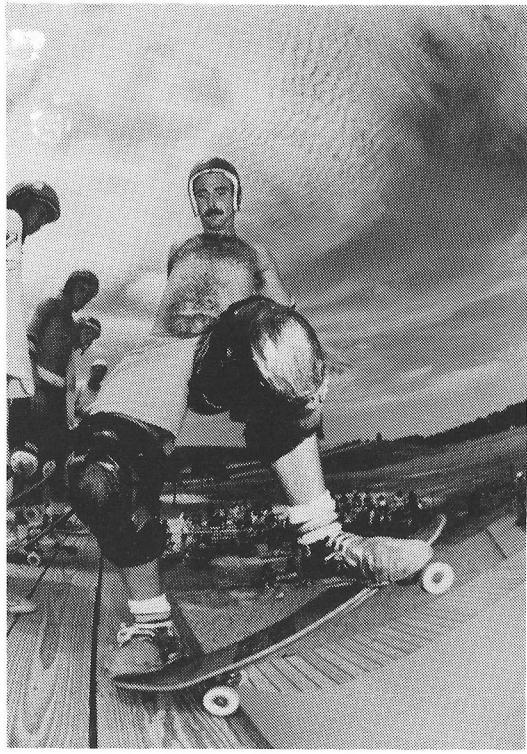
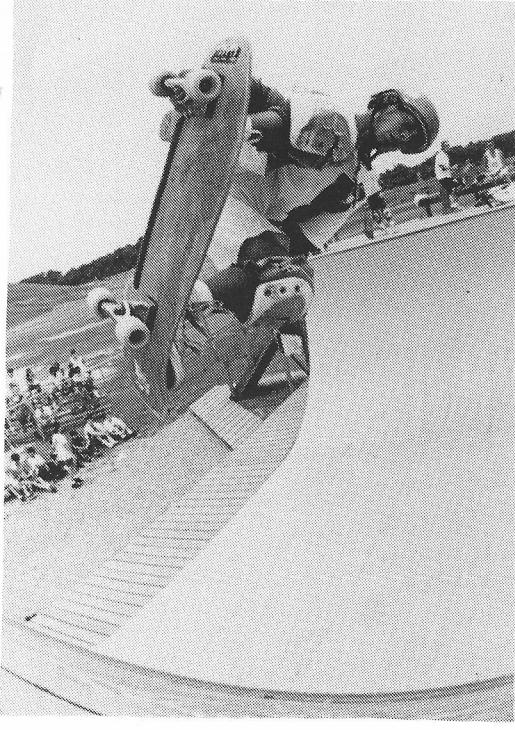
NEAL HENDRIX



left: SEAN JONES

bottom left: JERRY MANILOW

bottom right: WADE GULLEDGE



# BULLCHIPS FROM THE FIELD

Another pro contest in Virginia Beach the end of September?

What skater got kicked off what team & learned what trick & went to what contest & got asked back on what team, but is riding for another team???

Morris & Brian Wainwright are in Europe so Brian can win his 3rd straight World Championship Rollerskating title. An interview is planned on their return.

Mike Conroy is on S.M.A. What do those initials stand for???

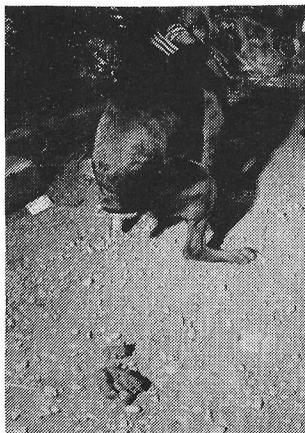
Where is John Fudala, Beaz Lovelace & Crew???

New parks include Crown Skatepark in Winchester, Tennessee. The outdoor park consists of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , &  $9\frac{1}{2}$  foot ramps, concrete bowls, & TWO FULL PIPES!!

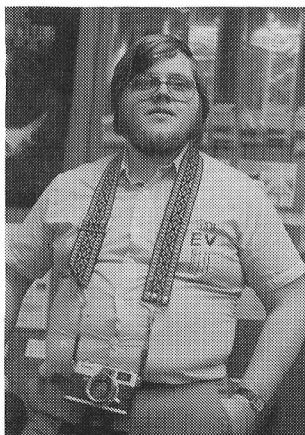
Also in Cambridge, Mass. is 2T Maximus Motor Sports with an indoor vert & mini-ramp both layered in masonite.

Texan Tommy Koesel is on Lake and model is soon. Speaking of Lake, head honcho, Mark is scheduled for an interview in the near future!

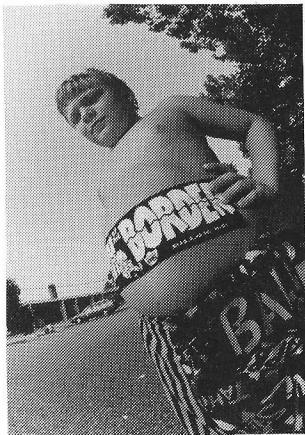
Larry G. is livin in V.B. with grandma. Is he forked yet? Will he???



It Happens..



Chad H. after surgery, or Chris G. before surgery



What skater was seen moonlighting as a billboard???



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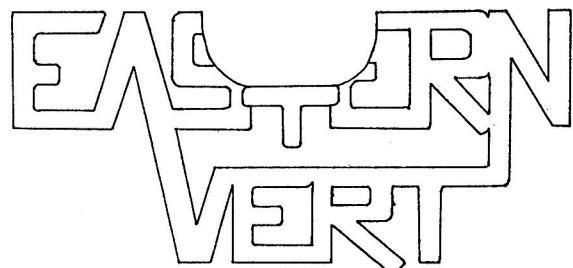
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